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Reappraisal In Order

The ill-fated Cuban invasion fiasco reportedly was masterminded by the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The United States has suffered a shocking setback as a result of recent events in Cuba, and its prestige has been lowered in the eyes of the world—both as a result of wrong guesses by the CIA.

Because of this, President Kennedy, according to reports, is taking a new look at the need of creating greater efficiency in the CIA, as well as among the diplomatic corps.

The agency has had some noteworthy accomplishments. It also has had some noteworthy failures.

We naturally hear more about the failures than the accomplishments. Most of the accomplishments never see the light of day. Most of the failures do.

But there apparently was so much confusion and mismanagement in the Cuban fiasco that it would be wise for the government to take stock of the CIA; and for the CIA to take stock of itself.

After all, no one can find fault with efforts to create greater efficiency, regardless of the agency involved.